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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO. 10/692,708

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FOR: **AL-MG-SI SERIES ALLOY PLATE
EXCELLENT IN THERMAL
CONDUCTIVITY AND STRENGTH, AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE
SAME**



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)) Group Art Unit: 1742
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)) Examiner: J. Combs Morillo
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RESPONSE

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This paper is a response to the office action mailed on March 22, 2006. In that action, the Examiner alleges that the referenced application contains claims directed to two inventions and requires restriction of this application to one of those two alleged inventions. The Examiner alleges that claims 1-20 are drawn to a method of hot rolling and heat treating an Al-Mg-Si alloy (classified in class 148, subclass 693) and that claims 21-32 are drawn to an Al-Mg-Si plate (classified in class 420, subclass 534).

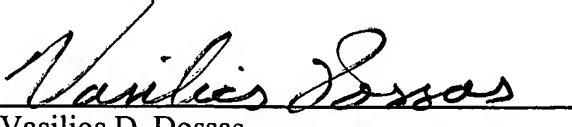
The applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement and assert that the subject matter of the two alleged inventions is interrelated such that a complete search for full and proper consideration of patentability would be substantially, if not completely, overlapping. However,

should the Examiner maintain the requirement, the applicants provisionally elect Invention II, claims 21-32 drawn to an Al-Mg-Si plate.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,


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